

MERESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE
MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Update and Messages

Well we are already in the second half of the Spring term and the weather has been very kind to us. It is lovely to see the sun and enjoy longer lighter days.

At Mereside we really do have so much to celebrate and shout from the rooftops, it's very exciting. It's great that we are able to share our good news in the paper with so many articles including becoming a Forest School, our visit from Charlie Cairoli Junior, my views on the new curriculum and of course, our school being in the top 10 performing schools in Blackpool. So you can imagine the joy in receiving a letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP and

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP congratulating us on the very high level of progress that our children made in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6 last year. Our school was amongst the top 3% of schools in England. That is amazing and testament to the hard work carried out by all the staff, children and parents last year. We strive to prepare our children for a successful secondary education to develop their lifelong love of learning, ensuring that the children are always the best that they can be.

Mrs Bamber

Staff News

Welcome to Mrs Leece who has joined us as a Behaviour Mentor working alongside Mrs Prosser, I know many parents have met her now and we are happy to see she has settled in so quickly with us. Later this month we welcome back Mrs Tucker from her Maternity leave and I am sure you will be happy to see her back too.

Breakfast and After School Club

Children are able to get some breakfast from Brenda in our Children's Centre from 8.00am at a cost of between 10p and 25p per item, but please remember that they must be supervised by an adult.

Mr Todd and Brenda continue to run our ever successful After School Club! This runs from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at a cost of just £5.50 per child per day, or £8.75 for Nursery aged children.

If you are interested in using our After School Club, please ask for more details at the school office



A polite reminder to ask all parents to remember to pay for fees relating to Nursery, After School Club and Lunches promptly through Parent Pay. Where fees are not paid promptly, this may mean we have to consider stopping access to these facilities to avoid fees building up for parents.

We appreciate your co-operation with this

Homework

Thank you all for a continuing good start to your children's homework. Please continue to support your child with all their homework and always ask and question them about their school day and learning.



WORLD BOOK DAY

REMINDER - so you have plenty of time to prepare!! World Book Day this year is on 7th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from any book. We look forward to seeing all their creations!



Remember that you can see what we are doing in school on Social Media?

Don't forget to connect for exciting updates about what we are doing in school on **Twitter** and our new School Facebook page, please connect with us and see what we have been doing at [Mereside Primary @MeresidePrimary](#) and on **Facebook** by searching for **Mereside Primary School**.

You can also keep up to date by visiting our updated and new look website at <https://www.meresideprimary.com/>

Please remember that if you do not wish for your child's photos to be included on these, you **MUST** let us know as previously completed paperwork may state that you agree to this.



Attendance

19/01/19 – Date

RB	93.7%
1B	97%
1/2R	94.9%
2T	94%
3P	96.3%
3/4C	95.6%
4R	99%
5C	96.6%
5/6R	97.9%
6KL	96.4%
Whole School	96.1%

Team Points

	Total	Place
Keswick	2283	1 st
Ambleside	2345	1 st
Windermere	2229	3 rd
Grasmere	2296	4 th

Mereside Nursery

We have spaces available in our Nursery for children aged 3 – 4yrs.

Funding is currently available for all children which means they can attend Nursery for 15hrs per week fully funded. In addition to this, if you are a working family and meet the criteria, there is additional funding available which enables your child to attend up to 30 hrs fully funded.

Please ask at the school office for more information. If you are considering applying for a 3 year old place at our Nursery, please note that the deadline for applications is

31st March 2019.

Children's Centre

Please see below for more information about our Children's Centre Activities which will be running over the Spring Term. As you can see there are lots of things for you and your children to get involved in and we look forward to seeing you.

Also, please don't forget, that our Café is open for the general public until 2.30pm every day where you can get hot drinks and homemade hot and cold food for reasonable charges. Brenda will be sure to welcome you all...

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DATE	SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES
w/c 4 th March	Poetry Competition Week
4 th and 5 th March	KS1 Playground Markings being installed
7 th March	World Book Day - all can dress up as a character from a book
14 th March	Red Noses can be brought in school along with entry into a colouring competition - £1.85 per child
15 th March	Red Nose Day - Non-Uniform Day
w/c 18 th March	Book Fair Week
20 th March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Parents lunch with children and afternoon in school
25 th March	Fire Brigade in School to do Safety Talks with Yr2 and Yr6
10 th April	Easter Bonnet Competition - more details to follow
10 th April (Time TBC)	Easter Bingo
12 th April	School Breaks up for Easter Break

Days	Time	CHILDREN'S CENTRE EVENTS AND DATES FOR DIARIES
MONDAYS	9am - 11.30am	Bookstart Corner with Jayne
	10.20am - 11.05am	Tiddly-om-Pom-Poms
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	Various Dates (Ask for more details)	Preparing for Parenthood Course
Tuesdays	9.30am - 12pm	Stop Smoking in Pregnancy
	10am - 10.30am (Starts 26 th Feb)	Melody Bear Dance sessions
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	1pm - 3pm	Baby Club
	1pm - 4pm (Alternate Tuesdays)	Clevr Money Drop in with Credit Union
	1pm - 3pm (12 th Jan, 12 th Feb, 12 th Mar)	Baby Rover
Wednesdays	10am - 11.30am (Term time only)	Next Steps - A next step after Baby Club after about 14 months
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	10am - 12pm (16 th Jan, 13 th Feb, 13 th Mar)	Free childcare for 2, 3 & 4 year olds
	12.45pm - 2.45pm	Family Maths
	2pm - 3pm	Blackpool Coastal Housing Surgery
Thursdays	10am - 11.30am	Bumbles Parent and Toddler Group
	10am - 12pm	Knitting Nanas Knitting Group
	2pm - 3pm	Better Start Park Rangers
Fridays	9am - 10.30am	Parent and Carers coffee morning
	9.30am - 11am	Parents Forum
	All Day	Little Diggers Garden
	9.30am - 11.30am	EPEC "Being a Parent" course